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INTELLIGENCE NOTE: INDICATIONS IN SOVIET STATEMENTS OF CONDITIONS FOR WITHDRAWAL OF MILITARY AID TO CUBA

While not put into the context of military withdrawal from Cuba, it is useful to recall the following two passages in recent Soviet Government statements which were designed to justify Soviet military involvement but which may be relevant to the position Moscow takes in any future discussion on withdrawal:

September 11: "If normal diplomatic and trade relations were established between the United States of America and Cuba, there would be no need for Cuba to strengthen its defenses, its armed forces. For then nobody would menace Cuba with war or other aggressive actions, and the situation would become normal."

October 23: "The United States is demanding that military equipment Cuba needs for self-defense be removed from Cuban territory, a demand which naturally no state which values its independence can meet. The Soviet Union is in favor of all foreign troops being withdrawn from alien territories to within their national boundaries. If the United States is really concerned over the consolidation of friendly relations with other states and wants to secure durable world peace, as President Kennedy declared in his speech on 22 October, it should accept Soviet proposals and withdraw its troops and military equipment, close down its military bases on foreign territories in different parts of the world."

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